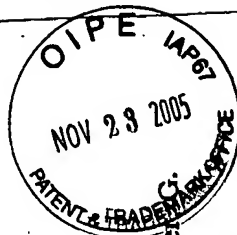


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APPLICANTS: Crump et al. CONFIRMATION NO. 1741
 SERIAL NUMBER: 10/040,975 ART UNIT: 2143
 FILING DATE: December 28, 2001 EXAMINER: Neuraute
 TITLE: Central Control of Multiple Address Domains within a Router

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Affidavit Under 37 CFR §1.131

Janet Y. Doong, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

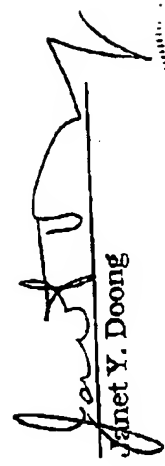
1. I am a coinventor of Claims 1-20 of the patent application identified above and inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.
2. Prior to March 20, 2001, I had completed the invention as described and claimed in the subject application in this country, a NAFTA country, or a WTO country, as evidenced by the following:

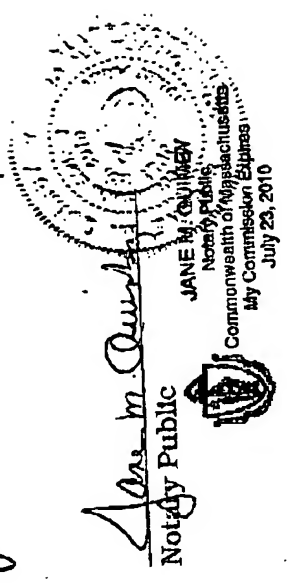
- a. Prior to May 12, 2000, having earlier conceived the idea of a router to efficiently connect to multiple address domains by maintaining separate, domain-specific routing tables for a plurality of domains, I participated in the completion of Chapter Eight, titled "VPN Manager," of the document titled "MPLS VPN Functional Specification (Exhibit A), dated May 12, 2000.

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- b. Prior to September 26, 2000, I participated in the production of a Nortel Networks Invention Disclosure describing the conceived router (Exhibit B) and dated September 26, 2000.
 - c. Prior to September 28, 2000, I participated in the production of a second Nortel Networks Invention Disclosure describing the conceived router (Exhibit C) and dated September 28, 2000.
 - d. Prior to October 12, 2000, at least one of the said Invention Disclosures was submitted to the Nortel Networks legal department.
 - d. Nortel Networks legal department acknowledged receipt of the Nortel Networks Invention Disclosure and assigned the Disclosure a Disclosure No. in an Invention Disclosure Submission Reply (Exhibit D), dated October 12, 2000.
 - e. Nortel Networks authorized the preparation and filing of the present patent application.
 - f. The present patent application was filed on December 28, 2001.
3. Each of the dates in Exhibits A, B, C, and D is prior to March 20, 2001.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 21st day of November, 2005.


Janet Y. Doong


Jane M. Quinlan
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
My Commission Expires July 28, 2010